

## CREDIT BY EXAMINATION FOR LSC 595

Three credits of LSC 595 (Apply and Reflect: Professional Field Experience) are required for students matriculated into the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies from January 2009 and on. Students in this course work 45 hours per credit at their placement sites; they also construct portfolios, reflecting on the relationship between the practical experience and the current GSLIS Educational Outcomes.

Students entering GSLIS with significant professional experience may apply for three credits by examination for this course, as described in the Graduate School Manual, [Section 7.30](#). To qualify, the student must have a minimum of three years professional experience supervised by someone with an MLIS degree. Paraprofessional or clerical experience does not meet this criteria. The examination will consist of a portfolio reflecting on the student's professional experience and achievements in the context of the GSLIS Educational Outcomes.

To apply for credit by examination, the student should submit a one- or two-page proposal to the Director of GSLIS **during the first semester after the student has been admitted to the MLIS program**. The proposal should state clearly:

1. The general nature of the experience for which the student seeks credit. (For instance, credit has been allowed in the past for administrative experience and for professional cataloging experience.)
2. At least two specific GSLIS Educational Outcomes and performance measures have been met through this experience. One of the performance measures chosen must pertain to Outcome 1, Foundations.
3. Specific tasks that will be documented in the portfolio, demonstrating the student's mastery of each performance measure chosen. (For instance, credit has been given in the past for the establishment and results-based evaluation of a young adult program.)

After evaluating the student's proposal, the Director may return it to the student for further work or request approval from the Dean of the Graduate School for the student to proceed.

If a credit by examination proposal is approved, the student will pay the required special examination fee to Enrollment Services and obtain a receipt which will be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School along with a written report of the results from the department Chair. If the student has succeeded after a qualified examiner has reviewed the portfolio, the Dean of the Graduate School will request that Enrollment Services enter the appropriate number of credits on the student's transcript under the Department's Special Problems course number with a brief indication of the subject matter and the designation "credit by examination or equivalent".

Fees include:

- Special examination fee
- Assessment Fee may be required

References:

- Graduate School Manual: <http://web.uri.edu/graduate-manual/>
- GSLIS Educational Outcomes: <http://harrington.uri.edu/graduate/library-information-studies/graduate-program/learning-outcomes/>